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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: V.P. KOROMA'S INTEREST IN PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED COPIES OF LETTERS SENT BY GEORGE AND PAUL KAPLAN OF LAZARE KAPLAN INTERNATIONAL NEW YORK CITY, PHONE (212) 757-5200, TO PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS, TO PEACE CORPS/WASHINGTON AND TO S.I. KOROMA, VICE PRESIDENT OF SIERRA LEONE. KAPLANS ACTIVE DIAMOND BUYERS HERE. LETTERS REFLECT CONVERSATION WITH KOROMA DURING RECENT VISIT SIERRA LEONE AND MOROMA'S DEFINITE INTEREST IN BEGINNING PHYSICAL FITNESS PROGRAM HERE AND IN EMPHASIZING SWIMMING INSTRUCTION. KAPLANS ANXIOUS TO HELP.

2. AMBASSADOR WOULD LIKE WHITFIELD TO CONTACT KAPLANS, ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT IN GREATER DETAIL WHAT KAPLANS HAVE IN MIND, AND OFFER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND ASSISTANCE.

3. FYI. RE KAPLANS' INQUIRY TO PEACE CORPS WASHINGTON, PRESENT SITUATION IN PC/SL PROGRAM IS THAT THREE PCVS HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED BY PRINCIPALS OF THEIR SCHOOLS TO PHYS ED AS THEIR PRIMARY FUNCTION AND NUMBER OTHERS ASSIST IN SPARE TIME, BUT PC/SL INVOLVEMENT OVERALL VERY LIMITED. END FYI. END UNCLASSIFIED.

4. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. KOROMA IS ONE OF GOSL OFFICIALS MOST SUSPICIOUS OF USG. HIS PORT LOKO HOME IS ONLY LOCALITY CONSIDERED UNHOSPITABLE FOR OTHERWISE SIDELY ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS. KOROMA WIDELY REGARDED AS THE MOST CONFIDENTIAL

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LIKELY SUCCESSOR TO PRESIDENT STEVENS. ANY INROADS ABOVE

PROJECT CAN MAKE WITH KOROMA WOULD BE CLEAR PLUS FOR US  
INTERESTS. END CONFIDENTIAL.  
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